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Superfund Records Center

SITE: Transformer Disposal Area

BREAK: 11.9

OTHER: 665264

Re: Transformer Disposal Area Superfund Site,
West Greenwich/Coventry, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Rajaratnam:

Thank you for your letter of May 16, 1994 concerning the potential liability of BW Manufacturing, Inc. ("BWMI") with respect to the Transformer Disposal Area Superfund Site located in West Greenwich/Coventry, Rhode Island ("Site"). As you know, in a report dated September 1993 and entitled "Removal Program Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation For Transformer Disposal Area, West Greenwich/Coventry, RI" ("PA/SI Report"), the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") listed BWMI under the heading of "Potentially Responsible Parties" connected to the Site. That determination was based on a review of local records, State of Rhode Island records, and other information then available to EPA. These records indicated that BWMI was the current owner of a portion of the Site.

Since the issuance of the PA/SI Report, additional information has come to our attention which indicates that BWMI does not own property on the Site. Based on this information, EPA does not now intend to take further steps to hold BWMI responsible for the cleanup costs associated with the Site.

EPA reserves its right to reassess the relationship of BWMI to the Site if new facts are discovered which undermine the basis for EPA's determination not to pursue BWMI as a potentially responsible party with respect to this Site.

If you have any questions concerning the Agency's determination, please contact me at (617) 565-4973.

Sincerely,

Susan S. Hallal

Susan S. Hallal
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cc: Rich Austin, BW Manufacturing, Inc. (via fax)
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